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final action, and its written opinions must be recorded with each action: *Provided*, That a majority vote by mail ballot may be recognized as complying with the provisions of this section. In all matters of action in which the approval of the advisory board is withheld, the State board of health must file a report with the governor, stating the reasons for action and attaching thereto a copy of the adverse opinion. The advisory board may make at any time such recommendations regarding the policy of the department as it may decide by vote to be expedient, but no recommendations for appointments, promotions, or dismissals may originate with it. The advisory board shall elect from its members a chairman who shall serve for one year, and until his successor shall be elected. In addition to the quarterly conferences with the State board of health, the said board may, upon its own volition, meet annually in the offices of the department, and special meetings may be held at any time or place subject to the call or approval of the State board of health, or its secretary. The director of the department shall serve as secretary for the advisory board. The members shall receive no salary, but may receive their actual and necessary traveling expenses while in the service of the department.

SEC. 4. The sum of \$7,500 is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated to be expended by the State board of health in carrying out the provisions of this act. All claims against this appropriation shall be audited by the State board of control. The controller is hereby directed to draw his warrants for sums aggregating this amount and the State treasurer is directed to pay the same.

Communicable Diseases, Investigation and Control of—Destruction of Rats, Insects, and other Vermin. (Chap. 422, Act June 7, 1913.)

SECTION 1. The sum of \$100,000 is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the State board of health, under the direction of the governor, for the prevention of the introduction of Asiatic cholera, bubonic plague, smallpox, or other contagious or infectious disease into this State, and for their investigation and suppression in case of their origin or introduction. The claims for such expenditures must be audited by the board of control, except that when, in the opinion of the governor, an emergency arises which demands or necessitates the immediate use of money for the purposes herein provided, the controller must draw his warrant in the name of the governor without such audit, on account of the sum hereby appropriated, upon the order of the governor, in such sums from time to time, not exceeding \$1,000 at any one time, as he may direct. In cases where sums are so drawn upon the order of the governor, without audit by the board of control, vouchers must be thereafter filed with the controller, showing the manner and the purposes for which such sums have been expended. Such portion of the sum provided by this section as may be deemed advisable by the State board of health and approved by the governor may be used in accordance with the provisions of this section and section 2, provided that all expenditures connected therewith shall be audited by the board of control and paid by the State treasurer upon warrants drawn by the controller in accordance with the provisions of this section.

SEC. 2. Whenever any land, place, building, structure, wharf, pier, dock, vessel, or water craft is infested with rodents, insects, or other vermin which are liable to convey or spread contagious or infectious disease from an existing focus declared by the State board of health, it shall be the duty of said board to at once notify the person, firm, copartnership, company, or corporation owning said land, place, building, structure, wharf, pier, dock, vessel, or water craft of the existence of said rodents, insects, or other vermin, and said notice shall direct said owner to proceed immediately to exterminate and destroy said rodents, insects, or other vermin and to continue in good faith such measures as may be necessary to prevent their return. In the

event **that** said owner fails, refuses, or neglects to proceed as above provided within 10 days from date of receipt of said notice, the State board of health may at once proceed to exterminate and destroy said rodents, insects, or other vermin and take such measures as may be necessary to prevent their return, and the cost of the above measures shall be repaid to the State board of health by the board of supervisors or other governing body of the county, city and county, c'ty or town wherein the work is done at its next meeting after the bill is presented. and the appropriation provided in section 1 of this act shall be reimbursed by the amount so paid, and may be again expended in a similar manner.

SEC. 3. Whenever a board of supervisors or other governing body of any county, city and county, city or town, shall have repaid the State board of health any sum as provided in section 2, the clerk of such board shall file in the office of the county recorder a notice of such payment, claiming a lien on such property for the amount of such payment. Any and all sums so paid by such county, city and county, city or town, shall be a lien on the property on which such rodents, insects, or other vermin shall have been exterminated and destroyed, and may be recovered in an action against such property, which action to foreclose such lien shall be brought within 90 days after such payment, and be prosecuted by the district, city, or town attorney in the name of such county, city and county, city or town, and for its benefit. When the property is sold, enough of the proceeds shall be paid into the treasury of such county, city and county, city or town, to satisfy such lien and the costs and overplus, if any there be, shall be paid to the owner of the property, if known, and if not known shall be paid into the court for the use of such owner when ascertained. When it appears from the complaint in such action that the property on which such lien is to be foreclosed is likely to be removed from the jurisdiction of the court, the court may appoint a receiver to take possession of the property and hold the same while the action may be pending or until the defendant shall execute and file a bond, with sufficient sureties, conditioned for the payment of any judgment that may be received against him in the action and all costs.

Maternity Hospitals and Children's Homes—License Required—Inspection—Regulation. (Chap. 69, Act Apr. 23, 1913.)

SECTION 1. No person, association, or corporation shall hereafter maintain or conduct in this State any maternity hospital or lying-in asylum where females may be received, cared for, or treated during pregnancy, or during or after delivery; or any institution, boarding house, home, or other place conducted as a place for the reception and care of children, without first obtaining a license or permit therefor, in writing, from the State board of charities and corrections, such permit or license once issued to continue until revoked for cause after a hearing.

SEC. 2. The State board of charities and corrections is hereby authorized to issue licenses or permits to persons or associations to conduct maternity hospitals, lying-in asylums, or homes for children, as provided in section 1 of this act, and to prescribe the conditions upon which such licenses or permits shall be granted, and such rules and regulations as it may deem best for the government and regulation of maternity hospitals, lying-in asylums and institutions, boarding houses, or homes for the reception and care of children, and said board is further authorized, by one or more of its members, secretary, or duly authorized representative, to inspect and report upon the conditions prevailing in all such institutions.

SEC. 3. Any person who maintains or conducts, or assists in maintaining or conducting as manager or officer, any maternity hospital, lying-in asylum, or any institution, boarding house, home, or other place conducted as a place for the reception and care of children, or who keeps at any such place any child under the age of 12 years,